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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to Abi Alger for helping providing transport and support for our Lit Quiz team this week.

... to those parents who attended this week's Cambridge meeting.

... to those who supported this week's duathlon events.

... to those amazing parents who have volunteered to be on our security call out list ... your offers are very much appreciated.

### Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

4 April Year 7 and 8 Community Services Day

10 April School ANZAC Commemoration

13 April Final day of Term 1

1 May First day of Term 2

### People of the week.

... A special CONGRATULATIONS to our year 6 and 8 Lit Quiz teams. Both teams did extremely well in this very competitive event, with our year 8 team achieving SECOND PLACE. A huge achievement .. well done to the Year 8 team - Brendan, Misha, Danni & Emilie and to the Year 6 team - Nate, Celeste, Jack H & Milly

.. To those children who put in such spirited performances at this week's duathlon events.

... Our swimmers representing Whangarei at the Northland Swimming Champs on 11 April - Summer C, TeAarahi, Ava, Asher, Jynaia & Jaimee

### Senior Camp Parents Thank You

Those parents who attended the recent Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland are warmly invited to a BBQ by the school pool starting 6:30 on Thursday 6 April. Here is our chance to thank you properly.

### ANZAC Ceremony

Parents are invited to share our ANZAC Commemoration with us on Monday 10 April starting 1:40pm.

You might like to pencil this date in.

More to follow.

We will be selling poppies for a gold coin donation from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April from the school office.



### Doughnut Friday

Same delicious country fair variety will be made for pick up after school Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Original, maple or cinnamon glazes. Order forms so you can pre order and pay next week so you don't miss out.

## **Items in last week's newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)**

Carpark  
Hockey Teams

Sunscreen Offer - David's Pharmacy  
AIMS games

### **Carpark**

Parents are asked to be patient with other parents, to understand that things sometimes don't go to plan etc. ... **but if you notice a vehicle repeatedly parked in the areas marked by yellow lines please forward the time, date and registration number to the school office.**

Please remain considerate of other users and above all keep safety front and centre.



### **International Schools English and Maths Competitions**

Consent forms for the above competitions were due back 23 March. We have extended the due date to this coming Monday (27 March) for those running late, but this must be the final date.

The English Exam is scheduled for 1 August and the Maths Exam for 15 August.

### **School Injuries**

If your child is injured at school & you subsequently take them to the Doctor or Hospital please ensure the school is notified the next day so we can update our records.

### **Can you help?**

We have a number of ever growing potholes in the bus turning bay which may soon constitute a safety risk. We want to spend your money wisely, and to spend only what we need to rectify this problem. If anyone is interested / willing to give us a price for this work, please email the school, or phone Kevin, early next week. Alternatively, if you know of anyone who might be able to do this for a special price please pass us their contact details. Thank you.



### **A New Service for Year 7 & 8 Students**

Our year 7 and 8 teachers will oversee senior study time in room 12 from 3:00 to 4:00pm every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Registration required .. please contact Mrs Donaldson.

### **Squash Coaching - Year 7 & 8**

Thanks to those parents who have offered to transport senior students to squash coaching sessions. These will take place on Wednesdays starting next week. There are two coaching slots with students needing to leave at either 11:30 or 12:30. A letter will be sent home Monday confirming groups (and session times).

### **Whanau Group trip to Waipoua ... 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, ALL WELCOME**

Overnight trip to the Waipoua Forest planned by Whanau Group to explore tikanga within a family experience. We've arranged a guided forest tour that will include local heritage, tribal histories, flora and fauna. The cost is \$7.50 per person.

We'll gain an understanding of the environment and cultural importance of that environment from local iwi, Te Roroa. We intend for this to be a relaxed occasion and a fantastic opportunity to connect with other families from school.

Plenty of accommodation options i.e. camping, huts, cabins, lodges. Details and prices can be found on this website - <http://www.teroroa.iwi.nz/visit-waipoua.html>. Book your preference with Carmen by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March so we can confirm our group booking - ([Carmen.tonks@nativeparks.co.nz](mailto:Carmen.tonks@nativeparks.co.nz) or 027 433 8056).

Bring a plate for shared dinner and dessert. We'll take a BBQ along for breakfast grilling. Bring your favourite breakfast items.

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### **Finally**

Since its inception the Matarau School Whanau Group has aspired to promote things Maori in ways which are inclusive and embracing. You will always be made extremely welcome at any events you might attend, irrespective of your background or prior knowledge. Exposure to different cultural perspectives balances us as people and enriches our world view and strengthens our relationships. Please support the whanau group in any way you can.

Now you see it now you don't. What is it? A black cat on a zebra crossing.

Joke from Paige Bennett( Room 11)

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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## **Community Notices**

**Gala Day** – Hikurangi Saturday 8 April, George Street, Hikurangi, 10-2pm. Fun & food for all at the Village Church Childcare Centre, call on 433 8303 for more information.

**Drama and Musical Theatre Classes** It's not too late to enrol for drama or musical theatre classes. In fact, there's no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in, details on our website [www.makingascene.co.nz](http://www.makingascene.co.nz) or ph Helen on 021 172 3568

**Wanted** – 'small animals' – especially heritage chickens (or bantams) for family new to area, and / or a Jack Russell type dog. If you can help advise or source please text Margi on 0224

**Little Ninjas karate classes for kids 4+** Karate improves fitness, focus and goal-setting. Bring your kids along to try it out for free. Mondays & Wednesdays 4-7 years 3.45 -4.45 pm; 8-12 years 4.45 - 6 pm at MiyagiKan Dojo in Walton St. Call Craig on 021 223 3644 for more information.

**Wanted** - new members for Ruatangata Indoor Bowls group. Wednesday 7.30pm start. All ages (inc children 8+ yrs old) welcome. Great social / community opportunity. Contact Alan Agnew on 435 0141 or Ben Foster 435 1570 with queries or turn up from 7pm on Wednesdays.

**Make your own Beeswax Wraps** - Come along to Comrie Park Kindy on Tues 4th April 7pm and make some wraps for the lunchboxes. \$20 everything provided, \$15 BYO material. Bring some dessert nibbles to share, tea and coffee provided. RSVP to Kindy 433 5045 or [comriepark@nka.org.nz](mailto:comriepark@nka.org.nz)

**Action Zone AUTUMN Camp** from 23rd-28th April, **Marsden Bay Christian Camp** and registrations are now open. Camp will fill up fast so don't miss out. You can go to [www.actionzonecamps.com](http://www.actionzonecamps.com) to see details and register.

**JUNIOR HOCKEY CAMP – Y3 – Y6** Wednesday 26th April - Friday 28th April 2017 9.00am – 12.00noon daily \$15 per child per day Goalkeeper coaching on Wed & Thu (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of Fun - To Register – [www.bit.do/JHCAPRIL2017](http://www.bit.do/JHCAPRIL2017) or [brad@northlandhockey.org.nz](mailto:brad@northlandhockey.org.nz) for more info

**Kids Holiday Biscuit Decorating Course** Come & decorate some cute funky Easter biscuits. Ages 5 up. 26,27 & 28 April. Morning session 10.30–12.30, afternoon session 2.30-4.30. Sessions \$40 each. Limited spots – 027 561 8112 [kim@donkerca.co.nz](mailto:kim@donkerca.co.nz)

**KIDZONES HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES** - Kidzones are based in Tikipunga, Kamo and Whau Valley Primary Schools operating from 7.45am to 5.30pm. WINZ subsidies are available for assistance in fees for those who qualify. Check out what fun activities the team at Kidzones have organised for each day on [www.kidzones.co.nz](http://www.kidzones.co.nz). Enrol online via our



website. Like our facebook page to keep up with the Kidzone activities daily during the holidays. Contact me, Sandra North 021 249 3308 or [Sandra@kidzones.co.nz](mailto:Sandra@kidzones.co.nz)

**Wags Gymnastic Holiday programme** - 18-21 April or 24-28 April, 8.30am – 4.30pm half day \$25 8.30am – 12.30 pm or full day \$40. Bring own snacks lunch & drinks. Lots of fun & things to do there will be gym skills arts & crafts foam pit relay races games & circuits

## School Lunches



**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), or Butter Chicken or Mince & Cheese Wraps and a Fruit Drink Box. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

### *A Special Occasion*

*Saturday past Mr D (who is also a marriage celebrant) had the privilege of marrying one of his (our) former students Lauren Whiting, Pammy's daughter. I thought some of you might be interested in the photos, one showing Mr D, Pam and Lauren together, and the other showing Lauren & Christian.*

